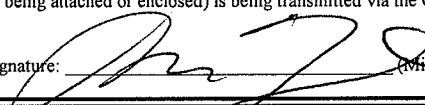


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In response to the Office Action dated June 12, 2008, applicant responds as follows:

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